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INCORPORATION OF DRILLING CUTTINGS INTO STABLE LOAD-BEARING STRUCTURES

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

ı INTRODUCTION

Applicant's Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated March 26, 2004. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months, i.e., to June 26, 2004. Applicant submits herewith a Petition for an Extension of time of one month for filing the Response, i.e., to July 26, 2004. Accordingly, Applicant's Response is timely as it is being filed on July 26, 2004, with a Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.